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Abstract of the Disclosure

The present invention provides a coloring or tinting composition containing one or more certain 2-nitro-p-phenylene diamine derivatives as substantive dyes. The 2-nitro-p-phenylene diamine derivatives 1-(N-cycloheptylamino)-2-nitro-4-aminobenzene and 1-(N-cyclooctylamino)-2-nitro-4-aminobenzene are preferred.